



## WILDFIRE



Wildfires are uncontrolled forest, grassland, rangeland, or urban-interface fires which consume natural fuels and spread in response to the environment. Wildfires can be either a natural phenomenon or human-caused. The frequency and severity of wildfires depends on both weather and human activity.

### HAS IT HAPPENED LOCALLY?

The Federal databases indicate there were no wildfire incidents between 1950 and 2011 within Howard County. According to the SHELATUS database, two wildfires caused several thousand dollars' worth of damage in 1963.

### WHAT IS THE ONGOING RISK?

There is an expected **1-30% Annual Likelihood** of a Wildfire hazard in Howard County. In the most likely Wildfire scenario, the **Total Impact is considered Limited**. In the worst-case scenario, the **Total Impact is considered Limited-Significant**.

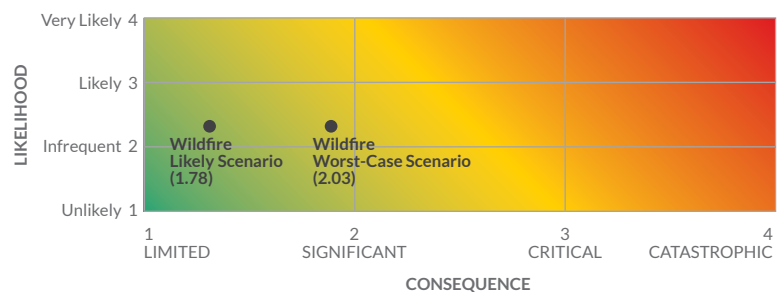
### DID YOU KNOW?

- In Maryland, the greatest threat of wildfires occurs during the Spring season, in the months of March and April.
- The severity of Wildfires in Howard County has been historically very low, and the duration of wildfires has ranged from a matter of hours to several days.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Howard County Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment [readyhoco.com/hazards](http://readyhoco.com/hazards)
- Centers for Disease Control [cdc.gov/disasters/wildfires/index.html](http://cdc.gov/disasters/wildfires/index.html)
- Ready.gov [ready.gov/wildfires](http://ready.gov/wildfires)

### RISK MATRIX



### LOCAL RISK OVERVIEW

Future Likelihood	Infrequent-Likely 1-30% chance of annual occurrence	
Impact	MOST-LIKELY	WORST-CASE
	Limited	Limited-Significant
Risk Score	1.78	2.03
Risk Ranking (High to Low)	Ranked #9 of 10 natural hazards.	

### WILDFIRE IMPACT

Where no Worst-Case bar is visible, Worst-Case impact is equivalent to Likely Impact

